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My Internet Safety Pledge

- I will turn off my computer monitor right away and tell a trusted adult if anything makes me feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.
- I will tell my parents or guardians if anyone online asks me my name, my address, my telephone number, or the name and location of my school.
- I will tell my parents or guardians if anyone online asks to meet me in person.
- I will not use rude or mean language on the Internet.



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I-Safe Safety
Precautions

How to Use the Internet Safely



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Viruses



Viruses are programs that can be loaded onto a computer without the user's knowledge. The viruses, when loaded, automatically run themselves. They then replicate leaving a copy on a computer and send copies to other computers. A virus can

make the system run slow or even halt the system so that it will not work. The worst type of virus is the kind that can bypass security and infect an important computer, such as an army computer or a missile launcher's computer, or even the President's computer.

The **Trojan Horse** does not replicate itself, but it allows viruses to introduce themselves into the system. It was named after the horse that the Greeks used in the Trojan War. When their foes took the horse as a peace offering, the Greek soldiers snuck out of the horse and attacked the city.

A **Worm** is a program that replicates itself. A Worm uses the network to copy itself then sends itself to other computers and does so without user intervention. It is similar to a virus in that it replicates, but it doesn't need to attach to a program for it to start.

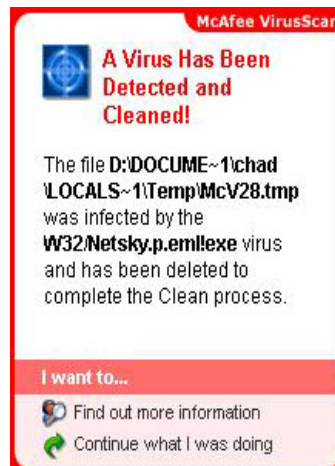
Identity Theft

Identity theft is when a person uses another person's identity in public places and as a result it wipes out that person's savings or ruins his or her credit. Only about 15% of people who have their identity stolen actually find out that their identity is being used by some one else—usually through the proactive action by business. The time spent by the victims resolving this action is on average about 600 hours. The impact on the victim's emotions is similar to a real violent crime. Some tips on giving out personal information:

- Only give out personal information on secure websites (<https://> or has a closed lock at the bottom)
- Only give out information to web sites when you are sure you know the website's owner.

You can find more tips and more information about precautions of identity theft at

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Identity_theft#_note-2.



This is an example of how an antivirus program will take care of any virus activity.

Bullying

Bullying on the web is becoming a more important issue than it used to be. It involves a person sending a hostile message or threatening actions that are supposed to harm someone in a chat room or an instant message. Bullying can be used not only on the computer but also on cell phones, PDA's, e-mail or anything else that is electronic and has a way to communicate over the web. People who bully can make hate sites toward just one person or even a whole group of people. If a kid is being bullied online they should tell a policeman, parent, and contact their ISP (or Internet Service Provider) so they can contact the person who made the site and ask them to take it off the Internet.



Internet Bullying has become a problem. About 42% of kids have been bullied while online.



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